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PUBLIC HEALTH BRANCH

1. Occupied Germany:

a. Communicable Diseases: — Attached as Appendixes "A" "B" and "C" are communicable disease reports of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk, case rates by Regierungsbezirk and cases and deaths and case rates by Land, respectively for the week ending 2. November.

German Public Health authorities of Land Baden are now prepared to carry out their own small scale delousing programs. Civilian dusting teams from all Kreise have been trained at the dusting station in Mannheim. Quantities of DDT powder and dusting guns are now under the control of Kreis Public Health officials. Any large scale community, refugee, or DP dusting that may be required will be done with two power dusters which are on hand and ready for use. DP camps have stocks of DDT powder and dusting guns on hand. DPs are deloused upon entry to camps, and in addition, dusting of occupants as required is carried out by DP dusting teams under supervision of UNRRA medical personnel.

An increase has been noted in the number of refugees coming to Berlin. At the Fichtestr. Bunker in Kreuzberg, an average of 3,200 refugees have been cared for during the last week. Earlier in the month, the average was about 1000 a day. An increase in lousiness is reported. All incoming refugees are dusted with DDT powder.

A few cases of typhus have appeared occasionally in RB Oberbayern. Without exception they have come from eastern zones of occupation. Typhoid cases in the two localized epidemic areas are showing a continual decrease and indicate an end to the flareups.

60,000 people in Amberg have had their first series of typhoid injections, 30,000 their second, and 20,000 their third. Of 9,212 pre-school children in Landkreis Landshut, 2,464 have recently immunized for Diphtheria. Most of the remaining 6,748 were immunized in 1942.

Although an increase in the incidence of communicable diseases was feared in RB Kassel due to the large number of refugees circulating in many of the border Kreise no epidemics have as yet occurred. At Bebra incoming refugees are dusted with DDT powder and examined for communicable disease before dispersal into the community.

In LK Donauwörth, 106 cases of tuberculosis are being treated, 23 of which are open cases. All school girls of Donauwörth have been subjected to a physical examination. Of 400 observed, 100 showed evidence of malnutrition. In LK Nördlingen typhoid reappeared in the area with three new cases reported. The incidence of diphtheria remained unchanged; The gemeinde Brulafingen, which is still quarantined, reported eight cases this week as compared to five last week. In LK Illertissen, the most conspicuous thing with diphtheria cases is the fact that three out of four cases are grown-ups.

b. Venereal Disease: In Dillingen, a conference was held between representatives of the tactical troops, Public Health Office, Military Government, German officials, doctors and clergymen concerning steps against the increase of venereal disease cases. The German authorities have been ordered to devote special attention to certain groups of the population, which are supposed to spread the disease, and to have these people controlled as completely as possible. Any difficulties which may arise in carrying out the program are to be reported by the German authorities at the next meeting, set for the following week.

In the US Sector, Berlin, progress is being made in the drive for the detection of persons infected with venereal disease. There has been close cooperation between

the Office of the Surgeon, Berlin District Headquarters, Military Government Public Safety, and Public Health Sections, and the German Police and Public Health Departments.

The following table illustrates the success of the activities:

Week Ending	Suspected Persons Detained			Negative Findings	Positive Findings		
	No. picked up by US	No. picked up by Ger.	Total	Total	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	G & S
29 Sept.	33	421	454	330	105	17	2
7 Oct.	25	386	411	302	90	15	4
14 Oct.	28	406	434	309	95	26	4
24 Oct.	75	418	493	377	98	11	7

Individuals found infected are detained for treatment until they are noninfectious.

c. **Veterinary:** Kreis veterinarians reported two additional farms in Mittelberg infected with hoof and mouth disease of cattle despite quarantine and immunization measures taken two weeks ago.

d. **Hospitals:** In SK Augsburg, a requisition has been prepared and forwarded to Division G-4 requesting release of a portion of Flakkaserne, now vacant, to civilian administration for use as a city hospital. In LK Sonthofen, the tuberculosis hospital for PW's is being turned over to civilian authorities.

The first actual release of tuberculosis beds by prisoners of war in LB Baden was realized when the Rochneau hospital of 229 beds was made available for civilian occupancy. There is no coal available for this institution which must receive supplies by ferry over the Neckar river. There are 2,473 infectious tuberculosis patients in Baden waiting for tuberculosis sanatoria treatment. 349 cases are now being treated in sanatoria. A total of 7,153 cases of tuberculosis are carried under observation.

A consultation was held with the Western District Surgeon's Office with reference to consolidating several prisoner of war hospitals in order to free one for the use of the civilian population of Darmstadt.

e. **Sanitation:** — Tests on 656 samples done at the Würzburg laboratory showed 3 positive typhoid and 9 positive paratyphoid. A careful check will be made next to determine the significance. Ten percent of the 57 foods samples tested at the Munich State laboratory were found objectionable and appropriate action was taken by German authorities.

f. **Medical Supplies:** — Critical items of supply at present in RB Hessen are sheets, blankets and vaginal specula for venereal disease center.

The 20,000 pounds of DDT powder, authorized to be held in reserve and to be used for outbreaks of typhus, is now on hand in RB Oberbayern. Each Kreis will be allotted 200 pounds to be stored within the Kreis for immediate use.

g. **Denazification:** In RB Niederbayern-Oberpfalz Dr. Dohm of Eggenfelden has been appointed Medical Director for the Regierungsbezirk. He succeeds Dr. Purckhauer who was removed last week. In RB Niederbayern-Oberpfalz, the Public Health Office of E-204 is drafting a letter clarifying denazification of physicians, dentists and druggists. In short, denazification of the Regierungsbezirk Public Health officials will be done at this level by this office, with the denazification of private physicians, dentists, Zahnärzte, and druggists done at the Stadt and Landkreis level by committees appointed at those levels.

Denazification and its effect have occupied most of the energy of public health officers of LB Baden and in general presented a dilemma that is far from solution. The temporary licensing program went into effect with vetting completed on all medical and allied professions.

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Land or Regierungs- Bezirke	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: cases	d: deaths						
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies			Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Kassel	1,159,153	c	—	—	—	—	—	78	20	17	5	5	1	—	133	40	21	4	—	—	1	—	*	45	—	—	*	1	*	*	*	
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	p	—	—	—	—	—	99	37	34	4	*	—	—	*	*	6	3	1	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	1	*	*	*	*	
Hessen	910,471	p	—	—	—	—	—	78	41	19	1	*	—	—	*	*	11	—	1	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Württemberg	1,908,000	p	—	—	—	—	—	191	38	40	12	2	1	1	199	42	17	5	1	—	—	*	9	—	—	1	2	*	*	3	*	*
Baden	1,420,750	p	—	—	—	—	—	111	25	28	4	1	1	—	*	*	8	1	2	—	—	1	5	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Bremen (Encl.)	558,096	p	—	—	—	—	—	149	16	27	—	*	—	—	*	*	11	3	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*
Schwaben	949,043	p	1	—	—	—	—	93	15	25	1	*	1	—	72	15	12	—	—	—	—	*	64	—	—	1	—	*	*	*	*	*
Oberbayern	1,932,163	p	1	—	—	—	—	101	11	40	21	7	1	1	150	39	14	6	10	—	—	*	45	—	—	1	—	6	*	*	3	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,605,274	p	3	—	—	—	—	108	16	136	38	*	—	2	96	31	32	6	1	—	—	*	267	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,898,220	p	—	—	—	—	—	127	37	33	2	9	1	2	177	66	39	10	3	—	—	1	254	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	910,980	p	—	—	—	—	—	57	17	42	4	1	—	—	28	10	20	1	2	1	—	—	139	—	—	—	—	43	*	*	2	*
Berlin (Am. Sector)	800,000	p	1	—	—	—	—	142	26	101	—	*	—	—	145	22	117	4	46	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	2	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	p	6	—	—	—	—	1334	299	542	92	25	6	6	1000	265	308	43	68	9	2	1	6	823	—	1	8	54	3	5	5	—

*No data submitted

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 2 November 1945

Land or Regierungs- Bezirke	Popu- lation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps
Kassel	1,159,153	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.02	8.98	7.63	2.25	2.25	0.45	—	59.72	17.96	9.43	1.80	—	0.45	—	*	20.21	—	—	*	0.45	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.56	16.28	14.96	1.76	*	—	—	*	*	2.64	1.32	0.44	—	—	*	*	—	—	0.44	*	*	*
Hessen	910,471	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.54	23.41	10.85	0.57	*	—	—	*	*	6.78	—	0.57	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Württemberg	1,908,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.72	10.49	11.04	3.31	0.55	0.28	0.28	54.92	11.59	4.69	1.38	0.28	—	—	*	2.48	—	—	0.55	*	0.83	*
Baden	1,420,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.63	9.15	10.25	1.46	0.37	0.37	—	*	*	2.93	0.37	0.73	—	0.37	1.83	*	—	—	0.73	*	*	*
Bremen	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	138.87	14.91	25.16	—	*	—	—	*	*	10.25	2.80	0.93	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
Schwaben	949,043	0.55	—	—	—	—	—	50.96	8.22	13.70	0.55	*	0.55	—	39.46	8.22	6.58	—	—	—	—	*	35.07	—	0.55	—	*	*	*
Oberbayern	1,932,163	0.27	—	—	—	—	—	27.17	2.96	10.76	5.65	1.88	0.27	0.27	40.35	10.49	3.77	1.61	2.69	—	—	*	12.11	—	—	—	1.61	*	0.81
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,605,274	0.97	—	—	—	—	—	34.99	5.18	44.06	12.31	*	—	—	0.65	31.10	10.04	10.37	1.94	0.32	—	*	86.51	—	—	—	*	*	*
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,898,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	34.80	10.14	9.04	0.55	2.47	0.27	0.55	48.50	18.08	10.69	2.74	0.82	—	—	1	69.06	—	—	0.27	1.10	—	—
Mainfranken	910,980	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.55	9.71	23.98	2.28	0.57	—	—	15.99	5.71	11.42	0.57	1.14	0.57	—	—	79.37	—	—	—	24.55	*	1.14
Berlin (Am. Sect.)	800,000	0.55	—	—	—	—	—	92.30	16.90	65.65	—	*	—	—	94.25	14.20	76.05	2.60	29.90	—	—	*	*	—	—	1.30	*	*	*
TOTAL	15,233,752	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	45.36	10.17	18.43	3.13	0.85	0.20	0.20	34.00	9.01	10.47	1.46	2.31	0.07	0.03	0.20	27.98	—	0.03	0.27	1.84	0.10	0.17

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Rate expressed as per 10,000 population per annum for population of 15,233,752

APPENDIX "C" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 2 November 1945

Land or Regierungs- bezirke	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: cases	d: deaths							
			Typhus Fever louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever			Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Greater Hessen	3,251,226	C	—	—	—	—	—	255	98	70	10	5	1	—	133	40	38	7	2	1	—	—	*	45	—	—	1	1	*	*	
Baden- Württemberg	3,328,750	P	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		C	—	—	—	—	302	63	68	16	3	2	1	1	191	42	25	6	3	—	—	1	5	9	—	4	*	*	3	*	
Bavaria	7,295,680	P	5	—	—	—	—	486	96	276	66	17	3	5	523	161	117	23	16	1	—	—	1	769	—	1	1	53	—	5	—
		C	1	—	—	—	21	1	44	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bremen Encl.	558,096	P	—	—	—	—	—	149	16	27	—	—	*	—	*	*	11	3	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	
		C	—	—	—	—	7	—	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	C	1	—	—	—	—	142	26	101	—	—	*	—	145	22	117	4	46	—	—	—	*	*	—	2	*	*	*	*	
		P	—	—	—	—	10	3	44	—	—	—	*	—	—	—	12	—	9	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*	

Rates expressed as per 10,000 population per annum per population of 15,233,752

Greater Hessen	3,251,226	—	—	—	—	40.80	15.68	11.20	1.60	0.80	0.16	—	21.28	6.40	6.08	11.20	0.32	0.16	—	*	7.20	—	—	0.16	0.16	*	*
	3,328,750	—	—	—	—	47.11	9.83	10.61	2.50	0.47	0.31	0.16	29.80	6.55	3.90	0.94	0.47	—	0.16	0.78	1.40	—	—	0.62	*	0.47	*
Baden Württemberg	7,295,680	0.36	—	—	—	34.51	6.82	19.60	4.69	1.21	0.21	0.36	37.13	11.43	8.31	1.63	1.14	0.07	—	0.07	54.60	—	0.07	0.07	3.76	—	0.36
	558,096	—	—	—	—	138.87	14.91	25.16	—	*	—	*	*	10.25	2.80	0.93	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*
Bremen Encl.	800,000	0.65	—	—	—	92.30	16.90	65.65	—	*	—	—	94.25	14.30	76.05	2.60	29.90	—	—	*	*	—	—	1.30	*	*	*

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